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Applicants: BLOCK et al.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, the Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following groups of inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121: (a) Group I, including Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of making a computational service available; and (b) Group II, including Claims 9-13, drawn to a method of making computational services available. In response, Applicants elect without traverse Group I. An examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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While Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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